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IN THE ABSTRACT

Replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

Metallic surfaces are coated with an aqueous, acidic phosphate solution containing 10 to 60 g/l zinc, 0.5 to 40 g/l manganese, 50 to 300 g/l phosphate ions calculated as P_2O_5 , and optionally other components.